

ISSUE 33

SPRING 2011

Town Happenings



Town of Indian Head Community Action & Neighborhood Crime

Watch Meetings 2011 - 2nd Wednesday March 9, May 11, September 14 and November 9. Not meeting—February, April, June, July, August, October and December. 7:00pm Indian Head Village Green Pavilion 100 Walter Thomas Road. For more information contact I.H. Community Affairs / Community Policing Office 301-743-5511 ext. 120/121 or 240-375-4061 karen@townofindianhead.org



Meet & Greet the 2011 Candidates



- For Indian Head Town Council, Monday, April 4, 7:30pm Village Green Pavilion. Regular Town Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Meet & Greet. Refreshments Served. Don't miss this opportunity to meet the candidates running for Town Council 2011 - 2015.

Children's Spring Party & Easter Egg Hunt

- Sunday, April 10, 2:00 to 4:00pm, Indian Head Village Green Pavilion. Ages Birth to 12 years accompanied by adults. Cost \$1.00 all ages at door includes lunch, carnival and guessing games, petting zoo, children's craft-making, door prizes and Easter egg hunt (12 yrs. & under). Photo with



Easter Bunny \$1.00 each. For more information call 301-743-5511 or 240-375-4061.

Indian Head Town Council Election Day

- Tuesday, May 3. Polls open 8:00am to 8:00pm Village Green Pavilion. Residents living within the Incorporated Town of Indian Head are eligible to register to vote for the 2011-2015 Town Council. More information call Town Hall 301-743-5511/753-6633. More information on page 3.



Town Council Swearing In Ceremony

- Tuesday, May 10, 7:00pm. Indian Head Village Green Pavilion. Public is Welcome! Light refreshments served.

Holiday Closings

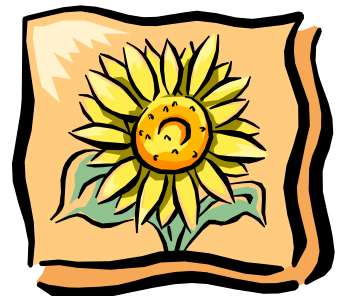
- Town Hall, Public Works and Community Affairs will be closed on Friday, April 22nd for Good Friday and Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day. There will be NO trash collection on these dates, those areas normally scheduled for Friday and Monday pickups will resume with the regular schedule on the following Tuesday and Thursday. Yard waste and recycling pick-ups will remain the same. In case of emergency, please contact the Sheriff's Office District II



Station (301)743-2222, so proper town personnel can be notified to handle accordingly.

C.C. Sheriff's Office Home Security Survey & I.H. Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad Smoke Detector Inspection

- In less than 30 minutes you can gain peace of mind! How? By contacting the I.H. Community Affairs/Community Policing Office to schedule a free home security survey & smoke detector inspection. Detectors can be installed at no charge. Security and Fire Safety tips will be offered by certified police and fire prevention officers. It's FREE, FAST, EASY & Worth it! Don't delay call 301-743-5511 ext. 121 today!



TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD
SMOKE SIGNALS

Mayor's Message by Ed Rice

It's hard to believe that two years have elapsed since our last Town election, but here we are campaigning again! It will be a relief to have four years between elections starting this May. During a two year term, we seem to be campaigning all the time. Having four year terms puts pressure on Town residents to get out to vote because they will have to contend with elected officials for a longer time.

Newly elected Council members are faced with a unique budget challenge this year and the two following years. Declining revenues are the major issue. The Town relies heavily on its share of residential real property taxes (accounting for about 60% of total revenues) to fund its government. As you already know, residential assessments are down an average of about 30%. The homestead cap on tax increases (10% in Indian Head) may reduce the impact on Town revenue from the tax to something less than that. This year the reduction amounts to \$200K. In addition, to cope with declining State revenues, the State has already reduced our Highway User Funds (revenue from gasoline taxes, license fees and vehicle titling taxes shared in accordance with miles of Town streets) by 90%. This amounts to about \$200K for the Town. These two reductions amount to a total of about \$400K or about 26% of our general budget. Our water, sewer and trash expenditures are in enterprise accounts in accordance with State requirements meaning revenues and costs must be balanced independent of general funds. In small Towns such as Indian Head, labor costs are often split between enterprise and general accounts because small budgets don't allow for totally

dedicated personnel. That means that reductions in general funds that we are experiencing also impact on enterprise fund labor support. The reduction in general revenue can result in personnel reductions meaning that the part of these man years shared by enterprise fund areas are not available. Thus the possible need for reducing enterprise fund support (reducing trash pick-up from two times a week to one time a week, for example). These changes are made in lieu of increasing tax revenues to sustain levels of support.

In past years we were required by law to hold a constant yield tax rate hearing at budget adoption time because our tax revenue usually increased. We didn't raise our tax rate but revenue increased because property assessed values increased and revenue is a product of the rate and the assessment value. Those days are over! The days of decreasing property assessments are here. The law actually allowed us to increase our tax rate this year without holding a public hearing as long as we didn't increase it to the point that we realized a tax revenue increase over last year. Fortunately, our intent was to hold the line on the tax rate and reduce spending. Also, our budget adoption requires a public hearing which protects residents against an unadvertised tax rate increase.

Is there any good news? Certainly! Reduced assessments mean decreased taxes for residents. If you are eligible for the homestead tax cap protection, your taxes may not drop as much as the assessed value dropped, but you will see a drop!

Mayor

Edward "Ed" W. Rice

Council

Dennis J. Scheessele, Vice Mayor
Margie A. Posey, Councilwoman

Town Manager

Ryan L. Hicks

Planning Commission

Richard Allen, Chair
Warren Bowie
Randy L. Albright
Mary Thompson
Racheal Hall
2 Open Seats

Board of Zoning Appeals

John Bloom, Chair
Rickie J. Posey
Rose Chase
Edward Joell
2 Open Seats

Economic Development Commission

Peggy Palmer, Chair
Thomas Boone
Dave Dixon
Pam Hundley
Bonnie Hochman-Rothell
Betsy Wallman
Mike Jones
Rick McArdle, Base Representative
Open Seat—Town Business Owner

Town Hall Staff

Awilda Hernandez
Executive Assistant/Clerk of Council
Ginger Foster
Finance Officer
Diane Campbell
Deputy Finance Officer
Karen Williams
Community Affairs
PFC Lewis Payne (#452)
Community Police Officer
Richard Wilcher
Code Enforcement
Annie Hood
Office Assistant
Pat Chase
Public Works Superintendent
Eric Woodland
Shop Foreman
EAST, Inc.
Water/Wastewater

Town Website

www.townofindianhead.org

FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection & Recycling 2011

1st Saturday April—December
Apr. 2, May 7, Jun. 4, Jul. 2,
Aug. 6, Sep. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3

Charles County Landfill
Billingsley Road East
(between Piney Church Rd & Rt. 5)
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Items accepted free of charge include pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer, gasoline, ,
paint, cleaning supplies, pool chemicals, batteries, and other poisons.

Items Accepted ANYTIME at the C.C. Landfill or Pisgah Recycling Center, 6645
Mason Springs Road, Pisgah.

Old computers, batteries, empty gas grill propane cylinders, motor oil, antifreeze

24-Hour Oil & Antifreeze Drop Off Site—located at Ruth B. Swann Park, Bryans
Road accepts used Oil & Antifreeze—open 24 hours.

Please keep materials in their original containers whenever possible, and bring
them to the collection site in cardboard boxes to ease unloading.

For more info. call Charles County—(301)932-3599 or 932-5656

For TOWN Trash Collection, Recycling or Special Bulk Pick-up
Information—Contact Town Hall (301)743-5511

I.H. Village Green FLEA MARKET

2011

Saturdays

7am-1pm

May 7 thru Oct. 22

*No Market May 28(Memorial Day Weekend),
Jun. 11 (River Artsfest), July 2 (4th Celebration),
Sep. 3 (Labor Day Weekend),
Oct. 29 (Halloween Trick or Treat on Village Green)*

**\$7/wkly permit fee collected on site,
bring own tables & chairs
No Pet sales/Giveaways Allowed
No Food Sales Without Town Permit**

Inclement Weather Policy

***If Market is closed by Town Rep. for bad weather, the NO FLEA
MARKET TODAY sign will be posted and the market cancelled for
the day. No vendors may remain on the Village Green to sell items
after Market
is officially closed by the Town Rep.***

**Rainchecks are issued only after the Market has been
opened for the day, fees collected, and
inclement weather presents itself before 10am.**

**Rainchecks are null and void unless issued by the Town Rep.
Questions or for more info. - (240)375-4061**

CIVIC EVENTS CALENDAR

American Legion Meeting
2nd Wednesday of each month - 8:00pm
Senior Community Center
301-283-0105

**Western Charles/Indian Head Chapter
126 of the National Association of Retired
Federal Employees (NARFE)** meets the
1st Thursday of each month (Except July &
August) 301-743-9445 or 301-743-3055

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

St Mary's Star of the Sea Church
Sunday Services 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am
Saturday Services 5:00pm
Confessions Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30pm
Special Devotions 7:30am mass on the 1st
Friday and 1st Saturday of each month

Indian Head Baptist
Sunday School 9:15am
Sunday, Morning Worship 10:30am
Sunday Bible Study 6:00pm
Thursday Prayer Meeting 6:30pm

St James Episcopal
Sunday 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30am
Sunday School 9:45am

Indian Head Church of the Nazarene
Sunday School 9:45am
Sunday AM Worship 11:00am
Sunday PM Worship 6:00pm
Wednesday Adult Bible Study 7:00pm

Indian Head United Methodist Church
Sunday School 9:30am, Worship 11:00am

Indian Head Assembly of God
Sunday Prayer 9:15am & 5:30pm
Sunday School 10:00am
Sunday Worship 11:00am & 6:00pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm

**Greater Spiritual Fellowship Community
Church**
Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
Tuesday Discipleship Training 7:30pm
Thursday Bible Study 7:30pm

Congregation SHA'ARE Shalom
Services 1st Friday, 2nd Saturday & 4th
Saturday every month 301-645-4606

Fire Department By: Chief Jeff Williams

Spring into Fire safety

As we say goodbye to old man winter and the days start warming up, our thoughts turn to Spring and as we all know, this time of year also means spring cleaning. In an effort to help keep your "Spring Cleaning" project a fire safe time for all, the Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the following safety tips;

- Smoke alarms increase your chances of surviving a home fire by 50% so be sure to check these devices for proper operation and be sure to clean them by vacuuming them as part of your cleaning.
- Never borrow smoke alarm batteries for other devices such as toys, clocks or other equipment, many times people forget to replace the batteries leaving the devices inoperable.
- Check the age of the smoke alarms, they should be replaced every ten years according to the manufacturers of the devices.
- If you have a fire extinguisher in your home this is a good time to check it and replace if necessary. If you have an ABC Dry Powder extinguisher it needs to be replaced every 12 years.
- This is a good time to check all electrical equipment and appliances for damaged or frayed cords and replace them if necessary.
- Be sure to check your electrical outlets to ensure that they're not overload or damaged.
- Review and practice your Family Escape Plan.

- If you don't have a Family Escape Plan, now is a great time to sit down with your family and develop one.
- Be sure to remove all outdoor debris and dead vegetation away from home to help reduce the potential of a fire starting in your yard and extending to your home.
- Be sure your address number is in good condition and visible for all Emergency services to see in the event of an emergency and if needed replace the numbers with new ones.
- All fuels for lawn and garden equipment should be stored in an approved container and never stored in your home or attached garage.

As part of our Spring Cleaning, now is the time that many of us get rid of many of the old and/or unwanted household chemicals. As a reminder these chemicals should be stored in their original containers and properly disposed of at the Charles County landfill at no cost to you.

Here are a few examples of these type of products;

- Pesticides, fertilizers
- Pool chemicals
- Paint and thinners
- Gasoline or other flammable/combustible liquids
- NEVER dispose of these types of products in the trash as they could leak causing a chemical reaction and possibly start a fire.

By following these simple safety tips you can greatly improve your

family's safety and reduce your chances of a fire in your home during this annual event. If you have any questions or concerns about Fire Safety/Prevention or are interested in serving your community, please contact the department at 301-753-9400.



DRIVE - THRU FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAYS IN 2011

Feb 7	Jun 6	Oct 3
Mar 7	Jul 11	Nov 7
Apr 4	Aug 1	Dec 5
May 2	Sep 12	

FROM

10:30 AM until 1:30 PM



at the
INDIAN HEAD VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT
4095 Indian Head Hwy.
Indian Head, MD



MENU:

1/2 FRIED CHICKEN, PARSLEY POTATOES,
GREEN BEANS, ROLL, BUTTER and BEVERAGE

\$8.00 PLATE

CARRY OUT ONLY

Call ahead to place your order
301-753-9400 / 301-743-3900



FUNDRAISER



THE
INDIAN HEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
& RESCUE SQUAD INC. LADIES AUXILIARY
WILL BE HOSTING AN

**INDOOR YARD SALE
KITCHEN OPEN FOR
BREAKFAST & LUNCH**

ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS IN 2011

MAR 5	SEP 10
APR 2	OCT 1
MAY 7	NOV 5

FROM

7:30 AM UNTIL 12:30 PM

AT THE
INDIAN HEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
4095 INDIAN HEAD HIGHWAY
INDIAN HEAD, MARYLAND

COME BROWSE THE TABLES IN AIR CONDITIONED
COMFORT!

BAKE SALE ON SITE
TABLES AVAILABLE \$10 EACH

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
NANCY 301-753-9722 OR MARY 301-743-7080



INDIAN HEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE SQUAD
4095 Indian Head Hwy., Indian Head, MD

2011 Friday Schedule

FEB 18	APR 15
MAR 18	MAY 20
JUNE 17	

DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM PLAY STARTS 8:00 PM
PAYOUT DETERMINED BY NUMBER OF PLAYERS

REGISTRATION \$150 (\$5,000 IN CHIPS)
(\$112.50 TO PRIZE POOL/\$37.50 TO FIRE DEPT)
ADD-ON FIRST HOUR OF PLAY \$40 (\$2,000 IN CHIPS)
(\$40 to prize pool)

REGISTER BEFORE 7:30 PM AND RECEIVE AN EXTRA \$1,000 IN CHIPS

MUST BE 18 TO PLAY! 21 TO DRINK! ID REQUIRED!
OPEN TO THE FIRST 160 PLAYERS

SODAS, BEER, SNACKS and HOT SANDWICHES PROVIDED
WITH REGISTRATION FEE
MIXED DRINKS \$1

SIDE TABLES AVAILABLE WHEN DOORS OPEN

Visit us on our website at www.lhvid.com
Call 301-753-8011 (leave message) OR Email poker@lhvid.com



**CHANGE YOUR CLOCK,
CHANGE YOUR SMOKE
DETECTOR BATTERIES
SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011**

As the time change approaches on March 13, 2011 and we change our clocks to "Spring Forward", the Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Inc. wants to remind everyone to make another change that could save their lives - change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

Town of Indian Head Useful Information

Holiday Closings

Town Hall, Public Works and the Community Affairs Office will be closed on the following days this quarter in observance of the holidays listed:

Good Friday
Friday, April 22

Memorial Day
Monday, May 30

If you have a water or sewer emergency after hours, call 301-743-2222 to report your emergency. On-call Town personnel will be contacted and the problem will be handled accordingly.

If your regular trash collection day is on a scheduled holiday, your next trash collection pickup will be on your next regularly scheduled collection day. For example, if your regular trash day is Monday, your next pickup will be on Thursday. If your trash day is Tuesday, your next pickup will be on Friday. Yard waste, which is collected on Wednesdays, is not affected.

After hours non-emergency type problems can be reported by leaving a message on the Town Hall office number 301-743-5511. Be prepared to furnish your name, address, phone number and brief, but detailed description of the type of problem. Water cut-offs for non-payment are not considered emergencies and are only handled during Public Works regular business hours.

Town Codes

- **Burning**—No burning is allowed within the Town limits.
- **Animal Control**—Dogs must be kept on the owner's property unless properly restrained. The Charles County Animal Control provides animal enforcement within the Town. Call 301-932-1713 if you have a problem.
- **Abandoned or Inoperative Vehicles** are prohibited within the Town and may not be kept on the street for more than 24 hours or on private property, with certain exceptions. Call Code Enforcement at 301-743-5511 ext. 101 with any questions.
- **Property Maintenance**—Every dwelling and lot shall be kept free from trash and garbage. Weeds and grass must be cut and kept shorter than 10 inches.
- **Building Code**—The Town has an adopted building code. Any new construction or remodeling, including, but not limited to porches, fences, sheds and garages, requires inspection and a building permit from the Town.

Recycling/Yard Waste

Solid waste products such as glass jars and bottles, newspapers, plastic bottles and metal cans will be picked up at the curb every Wednesday within the Town of Indian Head. Place these items in your recycling bin - no need to separate them. Have them curbside by 7:30am.

Yard waste will be collected on Wednesdays, year-round, weather permitting. Grass clippings and leaves must be placed in brown paper bags or in a trash container marked "Yard Waste" and placed at curbside. Brush must be bundled and must not be any longer than four feet (4') in length. Individual pieces of brush must not be any larger than six inches (6") in diameter. There is no additional charge for these services.

Utility Rates

The Town bills for utilities on a quarterly basis. Please make note that you will be receiving a bill four times a year (July, October, January and April). **You are encouraged to make an estimated payment monthly toward your quarterly bill.** For more information you can call Town Hall at 301-743-5511

Water & Sewer Rates

Minimum rate for all residential customers **\$70.40**
(per dwelling unit per quarter) plus
\$6.85 for every 1,000 gallons used

Minimum rate for all commercial customers **\$212.80**
(per unit per quarter) plus
\$6.85 for every 1,000 gallons used

Bay Restoration Fee

\$7.50 to State of Maryland Comptroller's office for the Bay Restoration Fund

Trash Rates

Residential/Multiple Residential Rate: \$73.00 (per dwelling unit per quarter) - Billed quarterly for two (2) times a week curb-side pickups and one (1) recyclable products pickup per week.

Commercial Rate:

Category I	Dumpster (4cu yds)	\$499.00 per qtr
Category II	Maximum 2 cans (per unit)	\$93.00 per qtr
	Each additional can	\$46.00 per qtr

All residential and commercial units within the Town of Indian Head shall avail themselves of the Town's curb-side trash collection service.

Town Meetings

1st Monday every month at 7:30pm at the Village Green Pavilion. Televised 8 p.m. first two Fridays each month on Comcast Channel 190 following the meeting.

Town Hall

Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Phone Numbers
Ofc: 301-743-5511
Fax: 301-743-9008

Town of Indian Head General Election Information



The Town of Indian Head will hold a General Election on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at the Village Green Pavilion, 100 Walter Thomas Road, Indian Head, MD, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. This election will give registered voters of the Town the opportunity to elect 2011 - 2015 Mayor and Town Council.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shall have resided in the Town for at least six (6) months immediately preceding their election.

Shall be qualified voters of the Town of Indian Head.

Shall maintain permanent residence in the Town during their term of office.

Must comply with the Town of Indian Head's Code of Ethics as defined in Ordinance 9-1-92.

FILING DEADLINE:

The deadline for filing a Certificate of Nomination is Friday, April 1, 2011, 2:00 p.m., at the Town Hall.

CLOSING OF VOTER REGISTRATION BOOKS:

The Voter Registration Books for the Town of Indian Head will close Friday, April 1, 2011, at 4:30 p.m.

REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS DEADLINE:

The deadline to receive written requests for Absentee Ballots is Tuesday, April 26, 2011 by 4:30pm.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS DEADLINE:

Absentee Ballots will be received up to May 3, 2011 if received at the polls before closing at 8:00pm.

All forms available at the Town Hall. For additional information, you may call the Town Hall during the business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, 301-743-5511 or 301-753-6633.

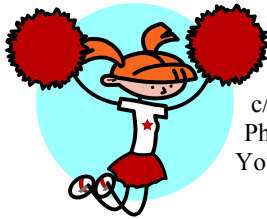


Spring



Indian Head Based Youth Sports Organizations

Indian Head Swim Team
c/o John Rye
Phone: 301-283-0087
Website: <http://members.tripod.com/~ihswim/index.html>
Youth 5 to 18 years / Summer Only



Indian Head Youth Football & Cheerleading
c/o Terry Proctor
Phone: 301-792-2916
Youth 5 to 13 years / Fall League Only

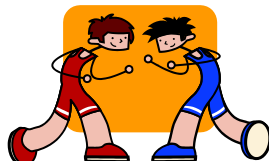


Potomac River Little League & T-Ball
Attn: Tim Boyd, President
Phone: 301-743-3813
Spring League Only
Fall League (Younger Kids)
Youth Ages 5 to 18 years



Indian Head Soccer Association
Attn: Dione Conley, President
Phone: 301-283-3961
Website: <http://ihsa1.tripod.com>
Fall & Spring Leagues

Junior Chargers Wrestling Club
Attn: Russell Cargill, President
Register on website:
jr.chargers@yahoo.com
Youth Ages 5 to 14 eligible



Charles County Sheriff's Office Annual Bike Ride

Check In:
9:00 a.m.

Start:
10:00 a.m.

Lunch:
10:30 - 3:00

Finish:
3:00 p.m.

Saturday March 26, 2011

**Village Green Pavilion
100 Walter Thomas Road
Indian Head, MD**

Proceeds Benefit



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Please Call 301-609-4844 for More Information
Preregistration by March 16, 2011 Guaranteed Too Much - Holmden Mandatory for All Riders

TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD

4195 Indian Head Highway
Indian Head, MD 20640
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Fax: 301-743-9008
www.townofindianhead.org

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